

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims listing

This claims listing replaces all previous claims listings.

1-25 (canceled).

26. (new) A package containing and dispensing medicine such as a plurality of pills or tablets or the like, comprising:

a container sized to contain medicine such as a plurality of pills for a patient, the container having an original seal; and

a child-resistant closure to close the container, including a plug having an access opening for the medicine, the closure being openable to break the original seal and also openable thereafter only by the application of two dissimilar, simultaneous motions;

the closure including a slide that is slidable in a first direction along the plug from a closed position to an open position, the slide when in the closed position closing the access opening and having pins that engage shoulders on the plug to block sliding movement of the slide along the plug in the first direction;

the slide being movable into a released position by the application of force in a second direction different from the first direction so that the pins of the slide move away from the shoulders of the plug thereby to enable sliding movement of the slide along the plug in the first direction;

the slide being slidable out of the released position by the application of force in the first direction simultaneous with the application of force in the second direction.

27. (new) A package as set forth in claim 26 wherein the slide is formed as one piece with a detachable member that breaks off the slide when the slide is moved from the closed position to the released position, on opening of the package to break the original seal of the package.

28. (new) A package as set forth in claim 27, wherein the breaking off of the detachable member creates an audible snapping sound as an indication that the original seal of the package is being broken.

29. (new) A package as set forth in claim 27 comprising a plurality of ratchet teeth on the plug that are engaged by a portion of the slide as the slide moves between the open and closed positions to provide an audible sound indicating opening of the closure, the ratchet teeth being engaged by the detachable member as the slide moves from the closed position to the open position, the ratchet teeth enabling sliding movement of the detachable member in the first direction and preventing movement of the detachable member with the slide when the slide is returned to the closed position.

30. (new) A package as set forth in claim 29 wherein the ratchet teeth resist movement of the slide in either direction along the plug thereby to help control positioning of the slide and retain the slide in any selected one of a plurality of open positions.

31. (new) A package as set forth in claim 27 wherein the slide and the detachable member remain connected with the plug after the detachable member detaches from the slide.

32. (new) A package as set forth in claim 26 wherein the child-resistant closure meets the requirements and effectiveness specifications for child-resistant packaging for children's medicine containers as set forth in applicable federal regulations.

33. (new) A package as set forth in claim 26 wherein the slide is made of a resilient material so that the slide snaps back into the closed position when moved from the open position past the shoulders on the plug.

34. (new) A package as set forth in claim 26 wherein the container has a generally rectangular configuration including at least one generally flat side surface large enough for placement of a mailing address label; an address label on the side surface; and further including a sealable mailer envelope for receiving the medicine container, the mailer envelope having a transparent window through which the address label on the container is visible when the container is received in the mailer envelope.

35. (new) A package as set forth in claim 34 wherein the rectangular container further has a flat spine surface large enough for placement of medicine identifying information visible to the patient when the package is stored.

36. (new) A package as set forth in claim 26 including teeth on the plug that are engaged by a portion of the slide as the slide moves between the open and closed positions to provide an audible sound indicating sliding movement of the slide, the teeth resisting movement of the slide in either direction along the plug thereby to help control positioning of the slide and retain the slide in any selected one of a plurality of open positions.